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REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

1) Applicants and assignee(s) of this application are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 to provide the following information that the Examiner has determined as reasonably necessary to the examination of this application. The information, in the form of copies of publication(s) and/or published application(s), or priority application(s) along with the names of the inventors/authors for these documents, is necessary to obtain a complete record from which a determination of patentability may be determined.

In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation, and names of the inventors/authors, publication date (if published), and a copy of the document, EP 97 106 503.2, the disclosure of which is recited as being 'comprised' on page 22 of the instant application. The last sentence recited on page 22 of the instant application makes it necessary for the Office to require Applicants to submit the same so that instant claims can be subject to a thorough examination process.

It is noted that Applicants' non-submission of a certified copy of the German priority application was brought to Applicants' attention via item 13 of PTO 326 and paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed 03/29/02.

2) The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the Applicants' first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

3) Applicants are reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where Applicants do not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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